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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A vehicle covering component,
comprising

a support element adapted to be fastened to the vehicle with an
adhesive material joint; and

a visible element which can be connected to the support element by
snapping it in place; wherein,

at least one of the support element and the visible element ~~Vehicle~~
~~covering part according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is designed in~~
~~comprises at least two discrete parts; [.]~~

the support element comprises a number of parts which differs from
a number of parts that form the visible element.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, characterized in that 2, wherein the support element can be fastened includes means for fastening it to a vehicle body with a cohesive an adhesive material joint by means of a glued joint.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, characterized in that 3, wherein the support element has at least one layer of glue on its side for fastening to the vehicle.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 4, characterized in that wherein the layer of glue is designed as a double-sided adhesive tape.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A vehicle covering component,
comprising

a support element adapted to be fastened to the vehicle with an adhesive material joint; and

a visible element which can be connected to the support element by snapping it in place; wherein,

Vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, characterized in that the visible element has a plurality of discrete snap-in projections formed at a

plurality of connection points that are arranged consecutively along a longitudinal axis of the visible element, and are spaced apart from one another;
[[,]] and

the support element has a corresponding plurality of discrete snap-in sockets arranged in a complementary manner.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 6, characterized in that wherein the snap-in projections and the snap-in sockets are arranged in a central overlapping region on [[the]] respective snap-in connecting [[side]] sides of the visible element and of the support element.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 7, characterized in that snap-in 6, wherein consecutive connecting points [[lying]] are spatially offset with respect to one another, alternatingly, in a transverse direction of the conveying part in the overlapping region are provided.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 6, characterized in that wherein the snap-in sockets form passage openings and are arranged recessed with respect to that side of the support element [[which]] that is provided for fastening to the vehicle.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) ~~Vehicle~~ The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support element is ~~provided on its~~ has a snap-in connecting side that is provided with a surface structure which increases stiffness.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) ~~Vehicle~~ The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 6, wherein the support element is ~~provided on its~~ has a snap-in connecting side that is provided with at least one protruding receiving rail in which the discrete snap-in sockets are arranged longitudinally consecutively in a completely integrated manner.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) ~~Vehicle~~ The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 11, wherein the support element has, on its snap-in connecting side, at least one bearing contact surface which ~~directs~~ centers the visible element [[into]] in a defined installation position ~~in a~~ entering manner.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) ~~Vehicle~~ The vehicle covering part according to Claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bearing contact surface of the support element ~~is used to bring about a~~ causes position-stabilizing prestress of the visible element when it is in [[the]] an installation position and is connected by having been snapped in place.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ 9, wherein the snap-in connections on [[that]] the side of the support element [[which]] that is provided for fastening to the vehicle ~~can be undone~~ are detachable by ~~means of~~ a resilient movement of one of the snap-in projections ~~and/or of~~ and the snap-in sockets.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 6, wherein the support element is completely shielded by the visible element towards the visible side.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 6, wherein an edge on the visible side of the visible element bears flush against an edge on the fastening side of the support element.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ the 6, wherein an edge on the visible side of the visible element protrudes over [[the]] an edge on the fastening side of the support element (14) and shields the same on the visible side.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ that 6, wherein a side of the support

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element which is provided for fastening to the vehicle has an automatically centering transverse surface contour.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it 6, wherein the covering part~~ is an outer visible part on the vehicle body.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it 6, wherein the covering part~~ is an outer covering part on [[the]] a wheel [[house]] housing edge.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) Vehicle The vehicle covering part according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that 6, wherein at least one of~~ the support element and/or and the visible element are produced from is made of plastic.

Claims 22.-24. (Cancelled)